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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR DATA WATCHES

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1. ROC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (IDB) REVEALED THAT
TAIWAN PRODUCED A TOTAL OF 6,760,000 ELECTRONIC WATCHES (LED
AND LCD) IN 1977 WITH OVER 95 PERCENT FOR EXPORT. THERE ARE BELIEVED
TO BE ONLY 10 MANUFACTURERS NOW, COMPARED WITH 20 A YEAR AGO.
ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN DEC. 26, 1977 ISSUE OF TRADE WINDS,
EIGHT TO TEN MILLION ELECTRONIC WATCHES MAY BE IN 1978.

2. NO OFFICIAL STATISTICS FOR PRODUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL WATCHES
AND WATCH MOVEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE. DEANE HILT, GENERAL MANAGER
OF TIMEX TAIWAN, ADVISED EMBASSY THAT PRODUCTION AND EXPORT
FIGURES SHOULD BE OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM TIMEX HEAD OFFICE IN
U.S.

3. THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL STATISTICS FOR IMPORTS AND EXPORTS
OF EITHER ELECTRONIC AND CONVENTIONAL WATCHES, BECAUSE THERE
IS NO SEPARATE COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION CODE NUMBERS FOR
THESE ITEMS. THESE FIGURES MAY BE OBTAINED ONLY THROUGH AN
INTENSIVE MARKET SURVEY OF THIS INDUSTRY, ACCORDING TO
IDB. IMPORTS OF ELECTRONIC AND CONVENTIONAL WATCHES ARE
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ESTIMATED AT AROUND 100,000 PIECES PER ANNUM. LOCAL
CONSUMPTION, ACCORDING TO TRADE WINDS' ARTICLE PREVIOUSLY
CITED, IS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 300,000 PIECES DURING
1977.

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